

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
MOHAMMAD SAAILI SHIBIN, )  
a/k/a "Khalif Ahmed Shabin," )  
a/k/a "Mohammad Ali," )  
a/k/a "Ali Jama," )  
Defendant. )  
CRIMINAL CASE NO.  
2:11cr33

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
**(Testimony of Robert D'Amico)**

Norfolk, Virginia  
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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. DOUMAR,  
United States District Judge, and a jury

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3                   THE COURT: Who is your next witness, Mr. Hatch?

4                   MR. HATCH: Your Honor, the United States calls  
5                   Robert D'Amico.

6                   (The witness was sworn by the clerk.)

7                   ROBERT CHARLES D'AMICO, called as a witness, having  
8                   been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

9                   DIRECT EXAMINATION

10                  BY MR. HATCH:

11                  Q. Good morning, sir.

12                  A. Good morning.

13                  Q. Would you please state your name.

14                  A. Robert Charles D'Amico.

15                  Q. Do you go by "Rob"?

16                  A. Yes, I do.

17                  Q. Where do you work?

18                  A. The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

19                  Q. And how long have you worked for the FBI?

20                  A. Since 1995, about 17 years.

21                  Q. Okay. And did you have any prior government service  
22                  before you came to the FBI?

23                  A. Yes, I did. I was in the Marine Corps.

24                  Q. Now, what's your current role at the FBI?

25                  A. I'm a supervisory special agent with the FBI's Hostage

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1      Rescue Team. My specific job is the East Coast Liaison to  
2      the Department of Defense.

3      Q. And where are you stationed for that job?

4      A. I live in North Carolina, and I go between bases here in  
5      Virginia and North Carolina.

6      Q. Okay. Now, were you involved in response to the Quest  
7      hijacking event?

8      A. Yes, sir, I was.

9      Q. And did you actually go out to the scene yourself?

10     A. Yes, sir, I did.

11     Q. And when did you arrive?

12     A. Approximately, February 21st, the evening of.

13     Q. And where did you first go when you got there on the  
14     scene?

15     A. On the scene I had made my way to the Enterprise and then  
16     flew over to the USS Sterett.

17     Q. Now, when you arrived there at the Sterett there were  
18     some other FBI personnel there as well?

19     A. There was one -- there were two, actually; SA Dale  
20     Anderson and the interpreter.

21     Q. Okay. And over the course of these events did other FBI  
22     agents come onto the Sterett as well?

23     A. Yes, two others were with me, Brian Maliszewski and  
24     Robert Henley.

25     Q. But were you the senior FBI agent on scene?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. As the senior FBI agent, tell the jury generally what was  
3 your job there as these events unfolded?

4 A. I was to advise the SEAL commander of different issues  
5 that had law enforcement implications and also to control the  
6 other agents, their placement and where they were best  
7 utilized.

8 Q. Let me take you to the morning of February 22nd, as the  
9 Sterett was approaching the Quest. Where were you that  
10 morning?

11 A. Sir, I was on the wing, outside the bridge, on the port  
12 side, the left side of the ship.

13 Q. Was that the wing that was toward the Quest?

14 A. Yes, sir, it was.

15 Q. And as the Sterett was approaching the Quest what, if  
16 anything, did you observe coming from the Quest?

17 A. Coming from the Quest, the first thing we observed was an  
18 RPG rocket.

19 Q. And where did that go?

20 A. It went directly over our heads, off to our left, and  
21 over the Sterett.

22 Q. And what were the people around you doing when that RPG  
23 came at you?

24 A. Most of them were on the ground. There was a few of us  
25 that were still looking over the side.

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1 Q. Did you also hear some gunfire that morning on the Quest?

2 A. Yes, sir, we did.

3 Q. After that RPG and the gunfire, did the SEAL boats go and  
4 board the Quest?

5 A. Yes, sir, they did.

6 Q. And did they take control of it?

7 A. Yes, sir, they did.

8 Q. Now, after the SEALs had secured the Quest what was done  
9 with the Americans that had been on board?

10 A. The Americans were being handled medically and taken off  
11 the Quest and flown over to the Enterprise.

12 Q. At that point what did you consider the Quest to be?

13 A. A crime scene.

14 Q. So what did you do to try to preserve that crime scene?

15 A. I had actually, before I deployed, agreed with the SEAL  
16 commander that it was, in fact, an FBI crime scene and that  
17 we would have an agent from the Hostage Rescue Team with his  
18 forces to assume control.

19 It didn't go as planned, but as soon as they started  
20 making their approach on it I tasked Special Agent Brian  
21 Maliszewski to get his gear on, his safety gear, and make his  
22 way down to get on the small boat in order to get on the  
23 Quest and assume the custody of the crime scene.

24 Q. And did he do that?

25 A. He did, in fact.

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1 Q. And what were your instructions to Agent Maliszewski  
2 about how to preserve that scene?

3 A. I told him to leave everything in place unless he thought  
4 that it was in jeopardy of, say, falling overboard just due  
5 to the seas and the conditions, and not to disturb anything  
6 but just to photograph it, take his notes, and then we would  
7 try to get it to a position where other evidence people could  
8 come in.

9 Q. And speaking of going overboard, before the SEALs got to  
10 the Quest did you see any items get thrown overboard?

11 A. Yes, sir. When several of them came from below deck up  
12 top, as they turned to go to the front of the Quest they  
13 would throw their rifles in the water and then make their way  
14 up and put their hands up.

15 Q. Now, tell the jury how the Quest was ultimately able to  
16 be brought back to a port.

17 A. It was fairly significant to try to tow a sailing vessel.  
18 I'm not a sailor, but I take the advice of the people who in  
19 fact were. But we talked about trying to tow it back to  
20 Djibouti. We knew that was the nearest port we could  
21 actually get an FBI team in.

22 So they had the chief boatswain mate come out, and  
23 he looked at the Quest, and he thought he had come up with a  
24 solution to rig it for tow, but he did, in fact, tell us he  
25 didn't think it would hold that long but that we would give

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1 it the best shot we could.

2 Q. And did that tow ultimately fail?

3 A. No. We got it under tow approximately 8:00 p.m. that  
4 evening, and we started towing it. We were back up in the  
5 ward room talking to the ship's captain about trying to get  
6 it back, and we were informed that, in fact, the tow line did  
7 break.

8 Q. So after the tow broke off, what was your solution to  
9 that problem?

10 A. In consultation with the captain of the Sterett, I wanted  
11 to put Agent Maliszewski back on the Sterett to again control  
12 it as a crime scene, and the captain said he had about four  
13 sailors that he thought he could get down there and try to  
14 fix it. Due to the damage during the actual incident, it  
15 wasn't under its own power, so he thought about four sailors  
16 could get down and assess that and get it under its own  
17 power, which they, in fact, did.

18 Q. Okay. And how long did it take Agent Maliszewski and  
19 those sailors to get the Quest back to port?

20 A. I think it was about four and a half days straight  
21 sailing.

22 Q. And were they able to sleep when they were on that ship?

23 A. I'm sure they nodded off here and there, but it's  
24 basically four days. In order to preserve, again, the crime  
25 scene and everything -- they didn't want to molest it -- they

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1 slept on top of the wheelhouse. There's maybe a 10 x 12  
2 area; there was four of them. So I'm sure they might have  
3 slept some, but it probably wasn't a lot.

4 Q. And then when the Quest was brought back to Djibouti  
5 ultimately did the ERT Team come to process it?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Now, after you got back -- you went back on the Sterett  
8 to Djibouti with the Quest. Is that right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. After you got back to Djibouti did you become involved in  
11 the ongoing efforts to apprehend Mohammad Shibin?

12 A. Yes, sir, I did.

13 Q. And did you receive anything in your investigation of him  
14 that was -- came from his phone?

15 A. Yes, sir, I did. I received a disk that had pictures of  
16 Mr. Shibin's phone from another government employee.

17 Q. And tell the jury what did you do after you got that  
18 disk?

19 A. We started looking at all the pictures. There were  
20 several hundred of them on there. Some were in English, some  
21 were in Somali. In consultation with Kevin Coughlin, who is  
22 the case agent out on the Sterett that was doing the  
23 interviews, we were just trying to piece together which  
24 messages that were pictured on the phone showed a connection  
25 to the actual operation of the Quest.

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1 Q. And, so, did you find materials that you thought showed  
2 that connection?

3 A. We did. We had some that were in English that were very  
4 obvious. Some we tried to have translated into Somali that  
5 we thought -- and then based on some of Kevin's input from  
6 names he was hearing we tried to match messages or contacts  
7 from the phone pictures to what we knew was involvement.

8 Q. So these materials that you were finding on the phone,  
9 did you do anything to collect them?

10 A. At that point we were still looking for Mr. Shibin,  
11 trying to actually come across him so we could talk to him.  
12 So we did know the fact that that phone might not be present,  
13 so we took some of the photos that showed what I thought was  
14 the most involvement, and we put them on a PowerPoint. So  
15 each page had maybe six or so photos of screen shots of the  
16 phones, and we kind of just tried to prioritize which ones we  
17 felt showed the most involvement.

18 Q. Now, at some point -- speaking now in the March, 2011  
19 time frame as you're going through that process, at some  
20 point were you notified that an arrest warrant had issued for  
21 Mr. Shibin from the United States?

22 A. Yes, sir, I was.

23 Q. So then did you become involved in the efforts to  
24 actually effect that arrest warrant?

25 A. Yes, sir, I did.

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1 Q. Did you know -- let me ask you, at some point also in  
2 that investigation did you receive information from German  
3 law enforcement authorities?

4 A. Yes, sir, we did.

5 Q. And what was that?

6 A. That Mr. Shibin might have been involved in the hijacking  
7 of the Marida Marguerite.

8 Q. And did you get any pictures from them?

9 A. They did supply one photo of what we believed to be  
10 Mr. Shibin on the Marida Marguerite.

11 Q. Now, at some point were you notified that Mr. Shibin had  
12 been captured?

13 A. Yes, sir, I was.

14 Q. And tell the jury when that was.

15 A. That was April 4th, 2011.

16 Q. And where was he at that time?

17 A. He was in Bossasso, Puntland, which is an area of -- a  
18 semi-autonomic area of Somali.

19 Q. Okay. And who had custody of him, according to the  
20 information you received?

21 A. The Host Nation Defense Forces.

22 Q. Now, to your knowledge, had those Host Nation Defense  
23 Forces taken him into custody in cooperation with the FBI's  
24 efforts to apprehend him?

25 A. Yes, sir, they did.

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1 Q. And I'd like to show you 2-6 C, which I believe is  
2 already in evidence.

3 Agent D'Amico, do you recognize this as a map of  
4 Somalia?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Okay. Now -- and the surrounding areas, I should say.  
7 That first red arrow I've put on there, where is that  
8 pointing to?

9 A. Djibouti.

10 Q. Okay. And is that where you were when you got this  
11 information that he had been captured?

12 A. Yes, sir. We were working out of there at the time.

13 Q. Okay. Now, the second red arrow, what is that pointing  
14 to?

15 A. That's pointing to Bossasso.

16 Q. Okay. So after you were notified that he was in Bossasso  
17 what did you do?

18 A. We immediately made travel arrangements, myself and Brian  
19 Maliszewski, to go to Bossasso.

20 Q. And were you able to get there?

21 A. We were. I think he was apprehended in the afternoon,  
22 and we made it within a few hours, four or five hours, maybe.

23 Q. When you arrived in Bossasso did you locate Mr. Shibin?

24 A. Yes, sir, we did.

25 Q. And where was he?

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1 A. When we first got there the Host Nation Defense Forces  
2 had a compound that was on the water, and he was outside  
3 the -- there were several buildings, and then he was in one  
4 of the outside areas sitting on a carpeted area.

5 Q. Okay. And is this compound -- is it a walled compound?

6 A. Both walls and fences.

7 Q. But he was in an open area there?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And who was he with?

10 A. He was with several members of the Host Nation Defense  
11 Forces.

12 Q. Was he in any restraints when you observed him that first  
13 time?

14 A. No, sir, he was not.

15 Q. Now, do you see Mr. Shibin in court today?

16 A. Yes, sir, I do.

17 Q. Can you indicate where he is?

18 A. Yes, sir. He's right there.

19 THE COURT: Let the record so reflect he's  
20 identified the defendant.

21 MR. HATCH: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 BY MR. HATCH:

23 Q. Now, while Mr. Shibin was detained at this facility were  
24 you and Agent Maliszewski able to monitor his treatment?

25 A. Yes, sir, we were, with some input from the Host Nation

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1 Defense Commander. We actually had him moved from that  
2 outside area to a classroom.

3 Q. Okay. And tell the jury -- this classroom, is that where  
4 he stayed for the next several days?

5 A. Yes, sir, it is.

6 Q. And what accommodations were there in that classroom?

7 A. The classroom itself had some desks, a TV. They made  
8 kind of like a bed for him on the ground. It had lights.  
9 And then around the corner was a restroom.

10 Q. Okay. Throughout the time of Mr. Shabin's custody by the  
11 Host Nation Defense Forces did you ever observe him to be  
12 mistreated?

13 A. No, sir, I did not.

14 Q. To your observations, was he fed adequately?

15 A. Yes, sir, he was.

16 Q. Was he allowed adequate rest?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And adequate space to move about?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And let me ask you, did you become aware at some point  
21 that he had been provided with khat?

22 A. Yes, sir, we were.

23 Q. Okay. And when did you become aware of that?

24 A. April 5th. It was the second day -- the first night we  
25 were there on the 4th, and then the second day in that

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1       afternoon we were made aware during our -- we'd do frequent  
2       trips down to where he was, and during one of those we saw  
3       that he had been provided khat.

4       Q. Now, did that cause you any concern as an investigative  
5       agent that this gentleman was given khat?

6       A. Yes, sir. We didn't want to influence him, like you  
7       don't want to influence someone on alcohol or drugs, so we  
8       took it the same; that we would not talk to him during the  
9       time we thought he was under the influence.

10      Q. Now, speaking about talking to him, that first day you  
11     arrived, April 4th, did you have an opportunity to talk to  
12     Mr. Shibin that day?

13      A. Yes, sir, I did.

14      Q. And he was still in the Host Nation custody at this time?

15      A. Yes, sir.

16      Q. Where did the interview physically occur?

17      A. The classroom he was in, there was a smaller classroom  
18     right to the right of it separated by a concrete wall, and we  
19     did the interview in there.

20      Q. During this interview what, if any, physical restraints  
21     was Mr. Shibin in?

22      A. He was not.

23      Q. And what were you wearing during this interview?

24      A. I don't remember specifically, but I had the same clothes  
25     for four days, so it was probably a pair of like cargo pants,

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1 a T-shirt, and then a long buttoned-up like collared shirt,  
2 one of the lightweight material ones.

3 Q. Did you have any visible weapons on you during this  
4 interview?

5 A. Not visible.

6 Q. And how about Agent Maliszewski?

7 A. He did not, either.

8 Q. Now, before this interview did you perform a physical  
9 search of Mr. Shibin?

10 A. Yes, sir, we did.

11 Q. And what did you find on him?

12 A. Some, I believe, pocket litter, cigarettes, passport type  
13 things.

14 Q. Did you find any United States currency on him?

15 A. No, I did not.

16 Q. Now, at the outset of this interview what rights did you  
17 advise Mr. Shibin of?

18 A. We advised him of his Miranda warnings.

19 Q. Okay.

20 MR. HATCH: With the assistance of Mr. Pierce, if I  
21 could hand up Government's Exhibits 2-6 A and 2-6 B.

22 BY MR. HATCH:

23 Q. Agent D'Amico, do you recognize those two exhibits?

24 A. Yes, sir. They're the Bureau's Miranda warning form,

25 FD-395s.

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1                   MR. HATCH: Your Honor, I would move in Government's  
2 Exhibits 2-6 A and 2-6 B.

3                   THE COURT: 2-6 A and 2-6 B, Miranda warnings, are  
4 received in evidence.

5                   (The exhibits were admitted into evidence.)

6                   MR. HATCH: And if I may publish 2-6 A, please.

7                   THE COURT: Yes, you may.

8 BY MR. HATCH:

9 Q. Now, Agent D'Amico, these are the Miranda warnings you  
10 were describing a minute ago?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Now, what language are these Miranda warnings in?

13 A. One is in English, and one is in Somali.

14 Q. Okay. So specifically on your screen -- if you look on  
15 your screen there that might be easier, so you're seeing the  
16 same thing I am.

17 A. Oh, okay.

18 Q. So 2-6 A, what language is that in?

19 A. That's the English version.

20 Q. Okay. Did you review the Miranda warnings with  
21 Mr. Shibin in English?

22 A. Yes, sir, we did.

23 Q. Okay. Did he have any difficulty understanding them?

24 A. No. We actually had him also read them out to us in  
25 English.

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1 Q. Now, if I could quickly go to 2-6 B, what is 2-6 B,  
2 Agent D'Amico?

3 A. That is the Somali version.

4 Q. Okay. So these are the Miranda warnings translated into  
5 Somali?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Did you offer him the Somali version of the Miranda  
8 warnings?

9 A. Yes, sir, we did.

10 Q. And what did Mr. Shibin say?

11 A. He said he did not need them; that he understood the  
12 English.

13 MR. HATCH: Okay. If I could go back to 2-6 A,  
14 please.

15 BY MR. HATCH:

16 Q. Now, do you see that box I've blown up? Where does that  
17 indicate the interview took place?

18 A. Bossasso, Puntland.

19 Q. And on April 4th. Is that right?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. Now, after you reviewed these warnings with  
22 Mr. Shibin what did you ask him to do?

23 A. We asked him to sign them.

24 Q. If you wanted -- if he understood them?

25 A. If he understood them, yes.

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1 Q. And did he in fact sign them?

2 A. He in fact did.

3 Q. And is that his signature there on the right by "sign"?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. And how about in the witness blocks? Whose are those  
6 signatures?

7 A. Myself on the second one down, and Agent Maliszewski is  
8 the first one.

9 Q. Now, there's a couple of notations under each of those  
10 about the 5th of April, 6th of April. Do you see those?

11 A. Yes, sir, I do.

12 Q. Tell the jury what those denote.

13 A. Every time we spoke to him on other dates we had him  
14 review this whole document and then in fact state that he  
15 understood it and sign it again, and then both of us  
16 initialed that he in fact did that again. So every time we  
17 talked to him after we had him redo that.

18 Q. What, if anything, did you do --

19 MR. HATCH: Actually, you can take that down.

20 BY MR. HATCH:

21 Q. -- to assess Mr. Shabin's health before you interviewed  
22 him?

23 A. When we initially started to talk to him we asked him,  
24 and then we had him have a physical.

25 Q. Okay. And were there any health problems?

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1 A. No. He did mention that his left side hurt from a prior  
2 injury, but nothing more specific than that. He did say he  
3 had diabetes that he wasn't taking anything for. The  
4 physical revealed a blood sugar of about 330, which was  
5 elevated but not dangerous.

6 Q. Okay. Now, did you ask Mr. Shibin about his treatment?

7 A. Yes, sir, we did.

8 Q. What did he tell you?

9 A. We asked him specifically if he was treated well by the  
10 Host Nation Defense Forces, if they had done anything to him  
11 that constituted something other than good treatment, and he  
12 said he had not been.

13 Q. He had not been mistreated?

14 A. Had not been mistreated.

15 Q. Okay. In this first interview you had with Mr. Shibin  
16 who did you tell him you were?

17 A. Told him we were agents with the U.S. Government.

18 Q. And did you tell him why you wanted to talk to him?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Now, why did you do that?

21 A. At the time we were going in we had the arrest warrant  
22 for him, but we did not know at the time if the government of  
23 Puntland would actually, in fact, turn him over to us. So  
24 there was some contention there; that we didn't want to just  
25 lay out to everyone exactly why we were there.

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1 Q. Now, during this first interview on April 4 -- so did you  
2 ask him anything about piracy in this April 4 interview?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. What name did he give for himself?

5 A. Mohamed Salah Ali Shibin.

6 Q. What did he tell you about what clan he was in?

7 A. Osman Mohamud.

8 Q. And did he tell you about when and where he was born?

9 A. 1960, in December -- he didn't have an exact date -- in  
10 Mogadishu, Somalia.

11 Q. Did he tell you where he was currently residing?

12 A. He said he was currently residing with a nephew in Lanta  
13 Hoaba, which is a village right on the outskirts of Bossasso.

14 Q. Now, what did he tell you about any recent travel he had  
15 taken from Somalia to Zambia?

16 A. He told us that he had left Galkayo, Somalia, went up to  
17 Bossasso, over to Djibouti, down to Ababa in Ethiopia, and  
18 then on to Lusaka, Zambia.

19 Q. Okay. When did he say he left from Galkayo and did that  
20 trip?

21 A. March 1st was the approximate --

22 Q. What did he tell you he was doing in Zambia?

23 A. Visiting his sister, Hudan.

24 Q. And did he also talk about his travel back from Zambia to  
25 Somalia?

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1 A. He did. And it was basically the same path, but, he'd --  
2 like in Addis Ababa he missed his connecting flight and  
3 stayed overnight. When he got to Djibouti he got a three-day  
4 visa and stayed at the hotel in Djibouti City and then took a  
5 car over to Hargeisa that broke down, he stayed there a  
6 couple of days, and then finally made it onward to Bossasso.

7 Q. What did he tell you about his past employment?

8 A. He said he used to work for the African Oil Corporation  
9 but he had gotten laid off approximately 18 months ago.

10 Q. Did he tell you about what skills he had brought to that  
11 job for African Oil Corporation?

12 A. He did. He told us he was a dispatcher and a translator,  
13 and when we asked him to explain it he basically picked  
14 people up at the airport, took them to where they needed to  
15 go, translated and just facilitated their movement. And he  
16 said he spoke good English, some Italian and good Arabic, and  
17 that allowed him to do interface with a lot of different  
18 folks.

19 Q. All right. Now, let me take you to the next day, April  
20 5th. Still in Bossasso?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. He's still under Host Nation custody?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Did you have occasion to interview him on that day?

25 A. Yes, sir, we did.

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1 Q. And were the circumstances of that interview, regarding  
2 the place where it was conducted and the lack of restraints,  
3 the same?

4 A. Everything was the same, sir.

5 Q. Okay. And, similarly, you advised him of his Miranda  
6 rights again?

7 A. Yes, sir, again noted we had him read all through them,  
8 asked him if he understood and if he still wanted to talk to  
9 us.

10 Q. And did you again ask him about his treatment?

11 A. Yes, sir, we did.

12 Q. And what did he say?

13 A. He said he was treated fine.

14 Q. About how long was this April 5th interview relative to  
15 the one you had done on the 4th?

16 A. It was actually very short.

17 Q. And what was your purpose in going in to talk to him that  
18 day?

19 A. We knew he had had some luggage, and we wanted to go get  
20 that luggage, so we asked him to tell us where it was and  
21 asked him his consent to go get it and actually search it.

22 Q. And did he give you consent?

23 A. He did.

24 Q. Did you find that luggage?

25 A. We did.

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1 Q. We'll talk about that in a minute.

2 Did you ask Mr. Shibin about any cell phones he  
3 possessed?

4 A. Yes, sir, we did. He said he had two previous cell  
5 phones and he had lost one in a taxi in Zambia several weeks  
6 earlier. But he did -- he said that he was using two SIM  
7 cards, and the numbers on the SIM cards were 761385 and then  
8 228675.

9 Q. And did he say was it those two numbers with the SIM  
10 cards in the phone that he had lost in the taxi?

11 A. Yes, he did. He said those were the numbers that were  
12 lost in the taxi.

13 Q. Now, after that conversation with Mr. Shibin did you go  
14 out and try to get that luggage?

15 A. Yes, sir, we did.

16 Q. And you found it?

17 A. Yes, sir, we did.

18 Q. Did you -- what did you then do with it?

19 A. We brought it back to the classroom, where we talked to  
20 Mr. Shibin and asked him, in fact, if that was his luggage.  
21 And he said, yes. And we asked him if we could search it,  
22 and he did give us consent.

23 Q. And did you search that luggage?

24 A. We did, sir.

25 Q. Can you describe for the jury -- I mean, what was the

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1 luggage that you found?

2 A. One was a big like cart, rolling-type Samsonite, and  
3 another one was just a plastic bag that had different things  
4 in it. So one was just a big hard piece of luggage, and then  
5 the other was a small bag.

6 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, at this time if I may read a  
7 stipulation the parties have entered into.

8 THE COURT: Proceed.

9 MR. HATCH: "United States Exhibits 2-7 A to 2-7 X  
10 and 2-8 A to 2-8 N are documents and items seized from the  
11 defendant Mohammad Salah Shibin or his personal effects in  
12 Somalia. United States Exhibits 2-7 A to 2-7 X and 2-8 A to  
13 2-8 N were seized by FBI agents in Somalia and were  
14 ultimately transferred to the custody of the FBI in Norfolk,  
15 Virginia. United States Exhibits 2-7 A to 2-7 X and 2-8 A to  
16 2-8 N have therefore been properly authenticated and are  
17 admissible in evidence with no further showing by the  
18 government."

19 Your Honor, at this time I would move in evidence  
20 2-7 A to 2-7 X and 2-8 A to 2-8 N, although I would note we  
21 did not end up doing a 2-8 B, so there would be a gap there.  
22 There's no 2-8 B.

23 THE COURT: 2-7 A through X, 2-8 A and N are  
24 admitted in evidence.

25 (The exhibits were admitted into evidence.)

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1 MR. HATCH: If I may publish 2-7 A.

2 BY MR. HATCH:

3 Q. Agent D'Amico, can you first tell the jury generally  
4 about what types of bank records that you found in  
5 Mr. Shibin's belongings?

6 A. They all looked like this. They were all usually  
7 single-page documents from the bank, Amal Bank in the Galkayo  
8 office.

9 Q. Okay. Did you find a large series of these bank records?

10 A. Yes, sir. Some were stapled together, but they were all  
11 kind of in a stack.

12 Q. Now in whose name -- particularly, we're now on 2-7 A.  
13 In whose name is this bank record?

14 A. Mr. Shibin's.

15 Q. And then what's the telephone number under his name?

16 A. It's that 228675 number.

17 Q. Is that the same one he gave you?

18 A. Yes, sir, it is.

19 MR. HATCH: Now, if I could have --

20 BY MR. HATCH:

21 Q. And this is dated on what date?

22 A. That's January 8, 2011.

23 MR. HATCH: If I could have 2-7 B, please.

24 BY MR. HATCH:

25 Q. Now, is this another one of the records that you found,

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1 Agent D'Amico?

2 A. Yes, sir, it is.

3 Q. What type of record is this one?

4 A. It appears -- it's handwritten for a new account.

5 Q. And does this record indicate how the account was opened?

6 A. Yes, sir. It's a cash deposit, new account.

7 Q. And what's the date on the handwritten record?

8 A. January 6, 2011.

9 Q. Now, does this record also indicate what the opening  
10 deposit was for this account?

11 A. Yes. It was \$37,000, consisting of 370 \$100 bills.

12 Q. And then do you know what type of currency that deposit  
13 was made of?

14 A. U.S. dollars.

15 Q. Okay. And is that the third arrow I drew there on the  
16 right?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 MR. HATCH: If I may have 2-7 C.

19 BY MR. HATCH:

20 Q. Agent D'Amico, is this another bank record that you  
21 found?

22 A. Yes, sir, it is.

23 Q. And is this one associated with that record we were just  
24 reviewing?

25 A. Yes. It's the typed or computer-printed version of the

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1 deposit of receipt.

2 Q. And what amount is indicated on that receipt?

3 A. 37,000 U.S. dollars.

4 Q. And what is the date?

5 A. January 8, 2011.

6 Q. Did you review all of the bank records that you found  
7 during your search of Mr. Shabin's belongings in Somalia?

8 A. Yes, sir, I did.

9 Q. Has the information from those -- they were fairly  
10 voluminous. Is that accurate?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Has the information from those records regarding the date  
13 and the type of transaction been entered into a spreadsheet?

14 A. Yes, sir, it has.

15 MR. HATCH: If I may unpublish.

16 Do you have 2-7 Y?

17 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

18 MR. HATCH: If I could hand it up, please, 2-7 Y.

19 BY MR. HATCH:

20 Q. Agent D'Amico, do you recognize Government's Exhibit  
21 2-7 Y?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. And what is that?

24 A. That is the summary of the deposit and withdrawal slips  
25 that we got from his luggage.

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1 Q. And is it fair and accurate?

2 A. Yes, sir, it is.

3 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, at this time I move in  
4 Exhibit 2-7 Y.

5 THE COURT: 2-7 Y is received in evidence.

6 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

7 MR. HATCH: May I publish?

8 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

9 BY MR. HATCH:

10 Q. Now, Agent D'Amico, I've blown up a part of that. What  
11 are the three columns that are in this spreadsheet?

12 A. The date, deposits and withdrawals.

13 Q. And is the date the date of the transaction noted in the  
14 records?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. What was the first dated transaction that you found?

17 A. The January -- January 8th was the formalized one. The  
18 one that was in handwriting was the 6th.

19 Q. Correct. Okay. And the deposit amount, again?

20 A. \$37,000.

21 Q. Now, how many deposits were there in the entire period --  
22 well, let me ask you first what was the date of the last  
23 record that you found?

24 A. March 1st, 2011.

25 Q. How many deposits were there in that entire date range

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1 that you had records?

2 A. Two, sir.

3 Q. And what was the total amount of deposits in that date  
4 range?

5 A. \$30,700.

6 Q. Now, with regard to the withdrawals, how many total  
7 withdrawals were indicated in the bank records for the period  
8 from January 10th to March 1st, 2011?

9 A. 20, sir.

10 Q. And what was the total amount of those withdrawals?

11 A. The total amount was \$19,952.

12 Q. Now, did you also find in the luggage and in the personal  
13 belongings a lot of travel-related documents?

14 A. Yes, sir, we did.

15 Q. Flight records, passenger tickets, that sort of thing?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And is that in the government's series 2-8?

18 A. It is.

19 MR. HATCH: I'd like to publish what's been  
20 previously admitted as Government's Exhibit 2-8 M, page 2,  
21 please.

22 BY MR. HATCH:

23 Q. Agent D'Amico, can you tell the jury what is the 2-8 M  
24 exhibit itself?

25 A. Mr. Shibin's passport.

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1 Q. Somali passport?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And what name does it list for Mr. Shibin?

4 A. Mohamed Salah Ali.

5 Q. And what occupation does it give for him?

6 A. Teacher.

7 Q. Okay.

8 MR. HATCH: You can take that down.

9 MR. BROCCOLETTI: I'm sorry. What's the number?

10 MR. HATCH: 2-8 M, page 2.

11 BY MR. HATCH:

12 Q. All right. Now I want to go to the next day, April 6th.

13 Did you have the opportunity to interview Mr. Shibin  
14 again on that day?

15 A. We did.

16 Q. Now, what were the circumstances of this interview, and,  
17 particularly, were there some time constraints, and what was  
18 going on with this custody?

19 A. There were -- there were -- we were informed again -- I  
20 told you when we first got there we weren't sure if the  
21 turn-over was going to go as planned. It did not for a  
22 couple of days, and a high-level thing was worked out that  
23 the Host Nation Defense Forces were going to turn Mr. Shibin  
24 over to the Bossasso Police Department, who would then turn  
25 him back over to us to be flown out of Bossasso.

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1 Q. And so were there -- what time constraints did that  
2 impose on your interview with Mr. Shabin?

3 A. We were told this approximately an hour, hour and a half  
4 before we had to turn him over.

5 Q. Okay. At the outset of the interview, again, were the  
6 circumstances the same as the ones on the 4th and the 5th  
7 that we've already talked about?

8 A. Yes, sir. We went through his treatment questions again,  
9 and he did not indicate he was mistreated. And then we again  
10 asked him to review his advice of rights, which he, in fact,  
11 did and signed again.

12 Q. Now in this April 6 interview what did you decide you  
13 were going to ask Mr. Shabin about?

14 A. We decided to ask him about piracy, since it was already  
15 deemed that they were going to turn him over to us. But we  
16 did -- we always thought there was a possibility we might not  
17 see him again, so we wanted to go ahead and ask him direct  
18 questions about piracy.

19 Q. So what was the first thing you asked him about?

20 A. What he knew about piracy.

21 Q. And what did he say?

22 A. He first said he didn't know anything about piracy.

23 Q. All right. After that initial statement did he say  
24 anything more he knew about piracy?

25 A. He started saying that he was -- he started translating

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1 for these people. And then we asked him to elaborate about  
2 who are "these people," and he said, "The pirates."

3 Q. Now, what period did he initially state that he worked  
4 for the pirates?

5 A. May and June of 2010.

6 Q. And in what capacity did he say he worked for the  
7 pirates?

8 A. As a pirate negotiator.

9 Q. Now, were those his words, or is that some summaries you  
10 are giving of what he said?

11 A. No, those were his words.

12 Q. Did Shibin tell you how he came to be involved as a  
13 pirate negotiator?

14 A. He was approached by a friend to participate in the crime  
15 of piracy, and then he said that he did some research after  
16 being approached to see if he wanted to get into it.

17 Q. And let me just ask you again. Were those his words,  
18 "crimes of piracy"?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. And did you ask him who this friend was who had  
21 approached him?

22 A. We did.

23 Q. And who did he tell you it was?

24 A. He could not give a name.

25 Q. Now, you said he indicated he had researched the

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1 possibility of getting involved. Did he say how he went  
2 about researching this?

3 A. He spoke to some friends and associates.

4 Q. All right. Did you ask him who those friends and  
5 associates were?

6 A. We did, and again he couldn't name any of them.

7 Q. All right. What did he say that his interviews with  
8 these -- or research with these unnamed people had revealed  
9 to him about piracy?

10 A. He told us that his friends and associates told him that  
11 if he was a negotiator he could make money and he wouldn't be  
12 considered a criminal. And then he said that he believed,  
13 after talking to them, that he could act as a negotiator, and  
14 as long as he didn't hijack the vessel he wouldn't be  
15 considered a criminal.

16 Q. Did Shibin say whether he had ever had any encounters  
17 with the authorities regarding piracy before?

18 A. He did. He said he was arrested and detained for matters  
19 related to piracy, but he didn't elaborate on that comment.

20 Q. Now, in this interview did Shibin tell you about an  
21 individual he referred to as Looyan or Leon?

22 A. Yes, sir, he did.

23 Q. And what did Shibin tell you about Leon's involvement in  
24 the vessel the Marida Marguerite?

25 A. He first stated that Leon was a pirate commander, an

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1 investor and a negotiator, and then he went on to say that  
2 Leon had taken his place on the Marida Marguerite.

3 Q. And did he say that this replacement of him by Leon --  
4 whether that had had any effect on the timeline of those  
5 negotiations?

6 A. Yes. He said that was -- Leon was the reason that it  
7 took longer.

8 Q. Now, at that point did Shibin say anything about his own  
9 involvement specifically in the Marida Marguerite?

10 A. He did. He said that he had operated as the pirate  
11 negotiator that one time and that he had earned \$30,000 for  
12 his participation in the hijacking.

13 Q. Now, did you decide to show Mr. Shibin something at this  
14 point in the interview?

15 A. Yes, sir, we did.

16 MR. HATCH: With Mr. Pierce's assistance I'm handing  
17 up Government's Exhibit 2-6 D.

18 BY MR. HATCH:

19 Q. Do you recognize that, Agent D'Amico?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. And what is Government's Exhibit 2-6 D?

22 A. That is the photo that the German authorities had given  
23 us of Mr. Shibin on the Marida Marguerite.

24 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, I move into evidence 2-6 D  
25 and ask to publish it.

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1 THE COURT: 2-6 D is received in evidence.

2 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

3 BY MR. HATCH:

4 Q. Okay. So is this the picture -- what did you do with  
5 this picture in the interview?

6 A. We basically put it across the table and let him take a  
7 look at it.

8 Q. And what's this notation on the upper left-hand corner,  
9 "#16"?

10 A. That was how we numbered -- I told you we put together a  
11 series of documents to show him, if we got the chance, and  
12 that was the number we put on there.

13 Q. Now, what did Shibin tell you about this picture when you  
14 showed it to him?

15 A. He said that was him on the Marida Marguerite. That was  
16 his words, "That's me on the Marida Marguerite."

17 Q. Did Shibin provide any additional information at that  
18 time about how he came to be involved in the Marida  
19 Marguerite?

20 A. He said he was called directly by the pirates to come out  
21 and act as the translator for them, for the pirate crew.

22 Q. And did he say who it was who had actually made that call  
23 to him?

24 A. He told us that an individual by the name of Farah or  
25 Manxhe had called him directly.

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1 Q. Okay. And if I spell Farah F-A-R-A-H and Manxhe  
2 M-A-N-X-H-E would that be about right?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay. And did you ask him if he had any phone numbers  
5 for this Farah?

6 A. We did. He didn't have any.

7 Q. And, again, what did he say Farah had asked him?

8 A. Asked him to act as the translator for the pirate crew.

9 Q. Now, did Shibin tell you how he thought that this Farah  
10 individual had gotten his phone number to call him?

11 A. He believes that he got it from a gentleman by the name  
12 of Liban, L-I-B-A-N.

13 Q. And did you ask him if he had any contact information for  
14 Liban?

15 A. We did.

16 Q. And what did he say?

17 A. He did not have any.

18 Q. Did Shibin say why he thought Liban would have passed his  
19 number to Farah as the guy to contact?

20 A. He believed that he told -- Liban told Farah that  
21 Mr. Shibin spoke good English and, therefore, could act as a  
22 translator. He also believed that Liban did this because he  
23 knew that Mr. Shibin was unemployed and needed the money.

24 Q. What, if anything, did Mr. Shibin tell you about the  
25 actual conditions on the Marida Marguerite?

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1 A. He described them as horrible.

2 Q. And what did he tell you about the hostages?

3 A. He said that all the hostages were kept in a small  
4 wheelhouse, and there was 22 of them so the area was very  
5 small.

6 Q. Now, let me ask you, after you showed this picture,  
7 2-6 D, to Mr. Shabin and he identified it as himself, did you  
8 ask him to do anything to confirm that?

9 A. We did. We asked him if he, in fact -- if he thought  
10 that was him on the Marida Marguerite to go ahead and sign  
11 that document.

12 Q. And did he do that?

13 A. He did.

14 Q. Now, Agent D'Amico, it doesn't appear to be on the  
15 scanned copy we're showing, so could you hold up the hard  
16 copy up there and just turn it around and show the jury where  
17 his signature appears on that document?

18 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

19 BY MR. HATCH:

20 Q. Did it not get on that copy, either?

21 A. It didn't get on this copy.

22 Q. Okay. We'll move on.

23 MR. HATCH: You can take that down.

24 BY MR. HATCH:

25 Q. What did Mr. Shabin tell you about his relationship with

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1 the persons holding the hostages?

2 A. Initially he said that the other pirates had respected  
3 him, but then they came to believe that he was being too  
4 lenient on the hostages. He had mentioned that he would let  
5 them use his cell phone to call their families during  
6 bathroom breaks.

7 Q. And when did Shibin say that he left the Marida  
8 Marguerite?

9 A. December, 2010.

10 Q. After you had this discussion about the Marida Marguerite  
11 did you try to turn the interview to the Quest piracy  
12 incident?

13 A. Yes, sir, we did.

14 Q. And how did you begin questioning him pertinent to the  
15 Quest?

16 A. We handed him a photo and asked him to ID that if that,  
17 in fact, was his phone.

18 MR. HATCH: At this time, if I could, Mr. Pierce --  
19 thank you -- I'm handing up 2-6 E and 2-6 F.

20 BY MR. HATCH:

21 Q. Do you recognize 2-6 E? First I'll start with that one.

22 A. I do, sir.

23 Q. And what is 2-6 E?

24 A. It is a picture of his phone.

25 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, I move into evidence 2-6 E.

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1                   THE COURT: 2-6 E is received in evidence, a picture  
2 of a phone.

3                   (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

4                   MR. HATCH: Please publish.

5 BY MR. HATCH:

6 Q. Agent D'Amico, in the upper left-hand corner again  
7 there's a notation of "A." What does that reflect?

8 A. That is, again, how we labeled it so we could track it.

9 Q. Okay. Now, how did you use this slide in your interview  
10 with Mr. Shibin?

11 A. Again, we just -- we were across the table, and we just  
12 handed it over to him and asked him to look at the photo and  
13 asked him if, in fact, that was his phone in the photo.

14 Q. And what did Shibin say?

15 A. He said, "That definitely looks like my phone."

16 Q. And did he say anything about what had happened to that  
17 phone?

18 A. He said that was the one that he lost in the taxi.

19 Q. What did you ask Mr. Shibin to do with that slide at that  
20 point?

21 A. We asked him to look at it carefully, review it, and if  
22 he in fact thought it was his phone to go ahead and sign that  
23 document.

24 Q. Okay. And did he do that?

25 A. He did.

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1 Q. And is that his signature on the upper right-hand corner?

2 A. Yes, sir, it is.

3 Q. And then, turning to 2-6 F, do you recognize that  
4 document, Agent D'Amico?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. And what is that?

7 A. That's one of the slides that -- we talked about putting  
8 pictures of his phone with messages on it. That's one of the  
9 first ones that we had done.

10 Q. Now, let me ask you, did you create just one slide, or  
11 did you have a lot that had pictures from the phone?

12 A. No, we had quite a few because there were so many photos,  
13 but we prioritized them.

14 Q. Okay. Given the limited time you had?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And is 2-6 F the one that you showed him?

17 A. It is.

18 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, I would move in 2-6 F.

19 THE COURT: 2-6 F is received in evidence.

20 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

21 BY MR. HATCH:

22 Q. Now, Agent D'Amico, tell the jury a little bit about how  
23 you went about selecting these recent contact photos that  
24 appear in this exhibit.

25 A. Through my conversations with Kevin Coughlin, the case

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1 agent, when he was on the Enterprise and when he was actually  
2 back in New York, we went through the photos that we found of  
3 his phone, and based on the interviews of the other pirates  
4 we figured out who were in his contacts that might have had  
5 some involvement with the Quest. So those are the contacts  
6 that we put in that first page.

7 Q. So you were getting information fed through other  
8 interviews that were happening?

9 A. Yes, sir, I was.

10 Q. Now, how did you go about deciding which of these text  
11 searches to include?

12 A. We basically went with the ones that were in English and  
13 that we felt showed the most obvious connection to the  
14 operation on the Quest.

15 Q. All right. Now, again, what did you do with the slide in  
16 your interview with Mr. Shibin?

17 A. We handed it over the table and let him see that and look  
18 at all those pictures.

19 Q. And what did Mr. Shibin say about where these pictures  
20 had come from?

21 A. He identified it as being pictures of his phone.

22 Q. And what did you ask him to do then?

23 A. We asked him to go ahead and if he would review it, and  
24 if he thought that they were his to go ahead and sign it  
25 again.

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1 Q. Okay. And did he do that?

2 A. He did.

3 Q. Now, what did you ask him about the actual pictures that  
4 are contained on this slide?

5 A. We asked him, actually, if he had, in fact, searched  
6 those topics; the hijacked Quest value, Jean and Scott Adams,  
7 and other ones in there. We asked him if he in fact searched  
8 those with his phones.

9 Q. And what was his response?

10 A. He said he in fact did using the 111 feature.

11 Q. And had he explained to you what this 111 feature was at  
12 that time?

13 A. He did. It was just a search means on his phone that  
14 they did from Somalia, how to search the Internet.

15 Q. Now, did he also tell you about a separate auto alert  
16 feature he had set up on his phone?

17 A. Yes, he did. He told us unsolicited that he had an auto  
18 alert feature that sent messages about hijackings in and  
19 around Somali waters directly to his phone.

20 Q. Did you ask him why he would have a feature like that?

21 A. We did. He said, "You have to know the number of people  
22 and the value of the boat."

23 Q. Were those his own specific words?

24 A. Yes, sir, they were.

25 Q. When he told you that what did you say in response?

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1 A. We asked him, "Why would someone need that information?"

2 Q. And what did he say?

3 A. He said, "Curiosity."

4 Q. And what did you ask him then?

5 A. At that point I said, you know, "I'm a curious person,  
6 but when I look at news stories I don't research how to get  
7 ahold of victims and the value of certain things and the  
8 details that showed this. So again I asked him, "Why would  
9 you search in that much detail on how to get ahold of  
10 victims?"

11 Q. And what did he say?

12 A. He just repeated, "Curiosity."

13 Q. Now, did you decide in your interview to show Mr. Shabin  
14 some more slides at this point?

15 A. Yes, sir, I did.

16 Q. I'm handing up 2-6 G to 2-6 J. Agent D'Amico, do you  
17 recognize those four exhibits?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. And what are those?

20 A. Those are pictures of the pirates that were on the Quest  
21 that were flown back to the United States.

22 Q. Okay. Now, were those all the pirates or just some of  
23 them?

24 A. No, sir, just some of them.

25 Q. And where did you get those pictures from?

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 A. The case agent, Kevin Coughlin.

2 MR. HATCH: Your Honor, at this time I'd move in  
3 2-6 G to 2-6 J.

4 THE COURT: 2-6 G and J are received in evidence.

5 MR. HATCH: And it's G, H, I and J, if I may, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. G is what?

8 MR. HATCH: These are --

9 BY MR. HATCH:

10 Q. What is 2-6 G?

11 These are the four pictures, is that right, that you  
12 showed him?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 MR. HATCH: I can pull it up on your screen, if you  
15 would like, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: 2-6 G are four pictures of what?

17 MR. HATCH: I'm sorry. 2-6 G is one picture of one  
18 individual, H is another picture of another individual, so  
19 on, for I and J.

20 THE COURT: Okay. They are received in evidence.

21 (The exhibits were admitted into evidence.)

22 BY MR. HATCH:

23 Q. Now, did you show all four of those pictures to  
24 Mr. Shibin?

25 A. Yes, sir, we did.

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 Q. And who, if anyone, in those four pictures did he say  
2 that he recognized?

3 A. He said he could only identify No. 6.

4 MR. HATCH: Now, if I may publish 2-6 G.

5 BY MR. HATCH:

6 Q. Is this the individual that he said he recognized?

7 A. Yes, sir, it is.

8 Q. And who did he say that person was?

9 A. Juguf.

10 Q. Did he say when the last time he had spoken to Juguf was?

11 A. Late December of 2010, after he left the Marida  
12 Marguerite.

13 Q. Where did Mr. Shibin describe that conversation between  
14 himself and Juguf occurring?

15 A. Galkayo, Somalia.

16 Q. Did he say if Juguf had told him anything about what he  
17 was up to at that time?

18 A. He said Juguf was going back over to Garaad to meet up  
19 with some other pirates.

20 Q. And then did he also say if he subsequently learned that  
21 Juguf was involved in piracy?

22 A. He did. He said he learned from Liban that Juguf had  
23 joined the pirate crew.

24 Q. Did you ask Mr. Shibin if Juguf had spoken to him via  
25 phone after that meeting in December?

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 A. Yes, sir, we did, and he said he had not.

2 Q. Now, did Mr. Shibin say whether he recognized any of the  
3 other individuals that you showed him?

4 A. He said he did not.

5 Q. Okay. If I may publish 2-6 H.

6 Is this another individual you showed him?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. 2-6 I?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. You showed Mr. Shibin this picture?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And then 2-6 J?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And he said he didn't recognize any of those other --  
15 those three individuals?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. Now --

18 MR. HATCH: Thank you. You can take that down.

19 BY MR. HATCH:

20 Q. Did Mr. Shibin bring the conversation back to the Quest  
21 hijacking at that point?

22 A. He did.

23 Q. And what did he tell you about his searches that he  
24 conducted?

25 A. He said that -- he said he did not hijack the U.S. Quest

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 and that the searches were out of personal curiosity.

2 Q. And did he say anything about whether he had agreed to  
3 help them with the Quest?

4 A. He said he did not agree to help them with the Quest.

5 Q. Did he say what he meant by that statement?

6 A. No, he didn't elaborate.

7 Q. Did he say whether he had any knowledge of the Quest  
8 hijacking?

9 A. He said he did know about the hijacking of the Quest but  
10 he never had an interest in negotiating for its release or  
11 its return.

12 Q. Okay. I'd asked you before about that picture of him on  
13 the German ship, and we didn't have the signature on that.  
14 Are you sure whether he signed that one or not?

15 A. Yes, sir, we asked him to identify and sign those photos.

16 Q. Okay. Now, in this interview on April 6 did Mr. Shabin  
17 ever say to you that he had been a member of a  
18 non-governmental organization?

19 A. No, sir, he had not.

20 Q. Did he ever say to you that he was a reporter or a  
21 journalist?

22 A. No, sir, he had not.

23 Q. Did he ever say that he had participated in the Marida  
24 Marguerite piracy on behalf of the hostages?

25 A. No, sir, he did not.

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R. D'Amico - Direct  
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1 Q. And did he ever say he had been forced to engage in the  
2 Marida Marguerite?

3 A. No, sir, he did not.

4 Q. And did he ever say that he had decided not to  
5 participate in the Quest piracy because he had vacation plans  
6 to Zambia?

7 A. No, sir, he had not.

8 Q. Now, after that interview came to an end what happened to  
9 Mr. Shibin?

10 A. He was released over to the custody of the Bossasso  
11 Police Department and then turned back over to us.

12 Q. So, when was the next time that you personally saw  
13 Mr. Shibin?

14 A. It was probably around midnight on the airfield.

15 Q. In Bossasso?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Did you place him under arrest at that time?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. And did you tell him what charges he was under arrest  
20 for?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. And were all those charges related to the Quest piracy  
23 incident?

24 A. Yes, sir, they were.

25 Q. Did you search him at that time?

—R. D'Amico - Direct—

1 A. I did, sir.

2 Q. And what, if anything, did you find on him?

3 A. We found -- at that time we found money. We found U.S.  
4 currency on him.

5 MR. HATCH: If I may, Mr. Pierce.

6 BY MR. HATCH:

7 Q. I'm handing up Government's Exhibit 2-8 N.

8 Agent D'Amico, do you recognize Exhibit 2-8 N?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And what is that?

11 A. That is the money we found on Mr. Shibin.

12 Q. And how much money is that?

13 A. It's \$1,620.

14 Q. Now, is it a surprise to you that Mr. Shibin had \$1,620  
15 on him at that point?

16 A. It was a very big surprise.

17 Q. And why was that a surprise to you?

18 A. Because, again, when we searched him when we first got to  
19 Bossasso he had no money on him. He was in the watchful eye  
20 of the Host Nation Defense Forces that entire time. And then  
21 he was turned over to the police department and then brought  
22 back to us, and he showed up with \$1,600 -- over \$1,600.

23 Q. Now, did you ultimately travel back with Mr. Shibin all  
24 the way back to the United States?

25 A. I did.

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 Q. And where was it that you -- you took a plane, I take it,  
2 for most of that journey?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Where was it that you first touched down --

5 THE COURT: Mr. Hatch, how long are you going to be  
6 with this witness?

7 MR. HATCH: Almost done, Your Honor. I've got two  
8 more questions.

9 THE COURT: Oh, okay. Go ahead.

10 BY MR. HATCH:

11 Q. Where was it that you first touched down in the United  
12 States?

13 A. In the United States it was at Oceana Naval Air Station.

14 Q. And is that here in the Eastern District of Virginia?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. And from the point that you took Shabin into custody  
17 until that point when you touched down in Oceana in Virginia  
18 Beach was he ever in another part of the United States?

19 A. No, sir, he was not.

20 Q. So that was where he was first brought?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 MR. HATCH: The Court's indulgence.

23 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

24 MR. HATCH: No further questions, Your Honor. Thank  
25 you.

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1                   THE COURT: Did you remember what the dates of the  
2                   curiosity research on the Quest and the Adams (sic)  
3                   individuals were, what that date was?

4                   THE WITNESS: I could actually look at the pictures  
5                   of the phone, because each of them have a date and time.

6                   THE COURT: Would you publish that, please. It's  
7 2-6 F, I believe. 2-6 F?

8                   MR. HATCH: Correct, Your Honor.

9                   If I may assist, Your Honor, just to make these big  
10                  enough to see.

11                  (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

12 BY MR. HATCH:

13 Q. Starting in the upper right-hand corner, Agent D'Amico,  
14 if you could just read the text of the search and then the  
15 date on which it occurred.

16 A. "Hijacked S/V Quest value, 20/02/2011, 04:10:21 p.m."

17                  THE COURT: That would mean it was on February  
18 the 20th?

19                  THE WITNESS: That would be February 20th, sir.

20                  THE COURT: February the 20th. At what time?

21                  THE WITNESS: That one was 4:10 p.m.

22                  THE COURT: Just keep going with all of them.

23 BY MR. HATCH:

24 Q. Okay. Let's start on the left, Agent D'Amico, on the  
25 second row now.

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R. D'Amico - Direct

1 A. "Jean and Scott Adam's profile, February 20, 2011,  
2 2:56 p.m." I assume I can eliminate the seconds.

3 The next one is, "Jean and Scott Adam's profile"  
4 again, is "February 20, 2011, 2:39 p.m."

5 The next one is "Address of hijacked S/V Quest  
6 owner." That's "February 19, 2011, 3:52 p.m."

7 Q. Starting on the left again -- do I need to make it  
8 bigger?

9 A. A little bit.

10 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

11 THE WITNESS: "Address of the hijacked sailing  
12 vessel Quest owner, February 19, 2011, 3:43 p.m."

13 The next one, "Jean and Scott Adam's telephone  
14 number, February 19, 2011, 3:36 p.m."

15 "Hijacked sailing vessel Quest by Somali pirates,  
16 February 19, 2011, 2:53 p.m."

17 "Hijacked sailing vessel Quest by Somali pirates,  
18 February 19th, 2011, 2:47 p.m."

19 THE COURT: I'm satisfied. You don't have to answer  
20 any more.

21 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

22 THE COURT: Have I raised any questions for any of  
23 you?

24 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Judge, I've not conducted  
25 cross-examination yet.

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1                   THE COURT: All right.

2                   MR. BROCCOLETTI: Would you like to do that now --  
3 it will take some time -- or --

4                   THE COURT: No, I think we ought to take a luncheon  
5 break, Mr. Broccoletti.

6                   MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, sir.

7                   THE COURT: We'll take a luncheon break until 1:30.

8                   (The jury withdrew from the courtroom.)

9                   THE COURT: We will take a luncheon break until  
10 1:30.

11                   (A luncheon recess was taken.)

12                   THE COURT: Please remain standing. Bring in the  
13 jury, please, Mr. Pierce.

14                   (The jury entered the courtroom.)

15                   THE COURT: You may be seated.

16                   Let the record reflect the entire jury has returned.

17                   Cross-examination. Mr. D'Amico, you're reminded  
18 you're still under oath, sir.

19                   THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

20                   CROSS-EXAMINATION

21                   BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

22                   Q. Good afternoon, sir. If we could bring up 2-13 D,  
23 please.

24                   All right. Sir, are you familiar with Exhibit 2-13 D  
25 as being a text that was seen on the defendant's phone?

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And that's a screen shot and one of the screen shots that  
3 you had talked about, correct?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And, again, I want to just, if I could -- does it reflect  
6 that that message was received on the 19th of February, 2011,  
7 approximately 6 p.m. in the afternoon?

8 A. Yes, sir, it does.

9 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Now, if we could bring up 2-11 B,  
10 please.

11 THE CLERK: 2-11 D?

12 MR. BROCCOLETTI: B, B as in "bravo."

13 THE CLERK: I don't have that as admitted.

14 MR. DEPADILLA: They were all moved in as part of  
15 the stipulation. We're just now showing them.

16 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Okay.

17 THE COURT: What's the problem?

18 THE CLERK: I don't have it shown as being admitted.  
19 I have nothing in the 2-11 series in.

20 MR. BROCCOLETTI: I'm sorry. I thought they were,  
21 because I thought the Court was questioning him about that.

22 THE CLERK: That's okay.

23 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Mr. Pierce, if I could show the  
24 witness Government's Exhibit 2-11 B, 11 C, 11 D, 11 E --

25 THE COURT: 2-11 B, C, D and E?

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 MR. BROCCOLETTI: And F, Your Honor.

2 I'm sorry. Too many 2-11s running around.

3 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

4 Q. Sir, could you tell us what those exhibits, 2-11 A, B,

5 C --

6 THE COURT: Do it one at a time.

7 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, sir.

8 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

9 Q. 2-11 B.

10 A. It is a screen shot with the words "Four Americans  
11 hijacked by Somali pirates," dated February 19, 2011, at  
12 2:33 p.m.

13 Q. All right.

14 MR. BROCCOLETTI: I move to admit 2-11 B, Your  
15 Honor.

16 THE COURT: Wait a minute. February 19, 2:33 p.m.?

17 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Go ahead.

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Move to admit 2-11 B, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: 2-11 B is admitted in evidence.

21 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

22 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

23 Q. The next exhibit, sir?

24 A. Is 2-11 C, as in Charlie. Web search --

25 THE COURT: Wait a minute. It's agreed that all of

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 these came from the telephone of Mr. Shibin?

2 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, sir, it's part of the  
3 stipulation.

4 THE COURT: That's all. I just want to make sure --  
5 I'm just cleaning up the record, Mr. Broccoletti.

6 MR. BROCCOLETTI: I understand.

7 THE COURT: 2-11 C you were on.

8 THE WITNESS: It is a screen shot that says,  
9 "Received SIM 1, Web search, Somali pirates seize yacht with  
10 four Americans. Description, CNN: Somali pirates hijacked a  
11 yacht with four Americans on board in the Indian" -- and  
12 that's all it says.

13 THE COURT: Does it say where it came from?

14 THE WITNESS: The only indication is it's a 111  
15 search received on SIM Card 1 out of the two on the phone.

16 MR. HATCH: If I may, it's a multi-page exhibit,  
17 Your Honor, so if the witness wanted to take it out of the  
18 plastic he could read the whole thing.

19 THE WITNESS: So, "On board in the Indian Ocean,  
20 U.S. military officials said Saturday. Identities of the  
21 Americans were" -- and then it says "... News search: Somali  
22 pirates seize yacht with four Americans on board in the  
23 Indian Ocean, U.S. military" -- again, "Ocean, U.S. military  
24 officials said Saturday. The identities of the Americans  
25 were not immediately known, but the yacht, the sailing vessel

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 Quest, is owned by Jean and Scott Adams..." And then,  
2 "Received SIM 1: Jean and Scott Adams, source CNN, news  
3 date/time," and that's 7-2-2012, 10:15 a.m.

4 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

5 Q. Well, that's obviously a --

6 A. That's, again, from the actual search, so something  
7 coming in at -- the date and time stamp on that, though, from  
8 the phone is February 19, 2011, 2:35 p.m.

9 Q. All right. Go to Exhibit --

10 THE COURT: What is 7-2-2012 at 10:15 a.m.?

11 THE WITNESS: Again, that's something that came in  
12 from the source, from the 111, so it could be something in  
13 error on the news. But that came in with the news feed, not  
14 an actual date/time of the message.

15 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

16 Q. And is there a date and time that the message is received  
17 by --

18 A. It is. It's February 19, 2011, 2:35 p.m.

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: We would move to admit 2-11 C,  
20 Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: 2-11 C is admitted in evidence.

22 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

23 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

24 Q. And what is 2-11 D, sir?

25 A. 2-11 D is another multi-page screen shot, "Received

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 SIM 1, Web search, Somali pirates seize yacht with four  
2 Americans, description CNN, Somali pirates hijack a yacht  
3 with four Americans on board in the Indian Ocean, U.S.  
4 military officials said Saturday. The identities of the  
5 Americans were... news search: Somali pirates seize yacht  
6 with four Americans" -- "with four Americans on board,  
7 military says. Description: CNN Somali pirates hijacked a  
8 yacht with four Americans on board in the Indian Ocean, U.S.  
9 military officials said Saturday. The identities of the  
10 Americans were not immediately known, but the yacht, the  
11 sailing vessel Quest, is owned by Jean and Scott Adam --  
12 sailing vessel Quest is owned by Jean and Scott Adam...  
13 source, CNN," again, "news date/time" and has that same  
14 7-2-2012, 10:15 a.m. stamp, but the official -- the date/time  
15 stamp from the phone is February 19, 2011, 2:36 p.m.

16 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Move to introduce 2-11 D, Your  
17 Honor.

18 THE COURT: February 16, 12:35 p.m.?

19 THE WITNESS: February 19th, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. It was February 19th?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: 12:35 p.m.?

23 THE WITNESS: 2:36 p.m., sir.

24 THE COURT: This is 2-11 D, and it says, "2:36 p.m."  
25 Is that correct?

R. D'Amico - Cross

1 | THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, it is.

2 THE COURT: And what does that other date with the 7  
3 have to do with?

4 THE WITNESS: I do not know. Again, it's coming in  
5 from the Internet, so I don't have -- I assume that it's  
6 something that's tied to the story, but, obviously, it's --

7 THE COURT: 2-11 D is admitted in evidence. Let's  
8 move along.

9 (The exhibit was admitted in evidence.)

10 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

11 | Q. 2-11 E?

12 A. It is another screen shot of the phone. This one has,  
13 "Hijacked sailing vessel Quest by Somali pirates." The date  
14 is February 19th, 2011, 2:47 p.m.

15 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Move to admit 2-11 E, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: 2-11 E -- does it also have this 7 stuff  
17 on it?

18 THE WITNESS: It does not.

19 THE COURT: And this is February the 19th,  
20 2:47 p.m., and it's 2-11 E. correct?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: All right. It's received in evidence.

23 (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

24 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

25 Q. And the times that were just reflected all precede the

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 text under 2-13 D that the "Sarindaaq captured Americans," is  
2 that correct?

3 A. I'm sorry. Say that again, sir.

4 Q. The times we just talked about, 2:36 in the afternoon,  
5 all predate the time that the text was received under  
6 Government's Exhibit 2-13 D saying that "Sarindaaq captured  
7 Americans." Do you recall that?

8 A. I do -- can I see that text, sir?

9 MR. BROCCOLETTI: May we see 2-13 again?

10 THE WITNESS: What was the time on that?

11 MR. BROCCOLETTI: We'll show you.

12 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, it does. That's 5:54 p.m.

14 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

15 Q. Now, you recovered --

16 THE COURT: Does it reflect where these calls came  
17 from?

18 THE WITNESS: The 111 searches are coming from -- on  
19 this screen shot it shows it's coming from SIM Card 1 because  
20 it was a dual SIM card phone. It had two SIM cards, so it  
21 had two different numbers associated. So it shows the search  
22 was done by SIM Card 1 to that phone.

23 THE COURT: I'm not that familiar with what SIM  
24 Card 1 was. What --

25 THE WITNESS: Your phone has a SIM card that tells

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 the carrier the data information, and it has a phone number  
2 associated with it.

3 The phone that was here -- in Europe they are more  
4 popular, but they can have two SIM cards, so you can have two  
5 numbers with the same phone. You can place calls and receive  
6 calls on two different numbers.

7 So the picture up front -- on top has a highlight  
8 over 1 which indicates that that search or that phone call  
9 was received using that first SIM card in that phone. And  
10 the first SIM card on this phone is associated with the  
11 228675 number that we talked about.

12 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Now, if I could ask Mr. Pierce --

13 THE COURT: So two phones have the same number?

14 THE WITNESS: No, one phone has two numbers. It's  
15 popular so that people can use a personal phone and like a  
16 business phone and only carry one phone. So they can make  
17 calls and charges on different accounts.

18 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Judge, may I ask Mr. Pierce to  
19 show the witness Defendant's Exhibit Number 9?

20 And, Judge, we would move 2-11 E into evidence as  
21 well.

22 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

23 MR. BROCCOLETTI: We would move 2-11 E into  
24 evidence, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: It's been received in evidence.

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Thank you, sir.

2 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

3 Q. Sir, I've handed you what's been marked for  
4 identification as Defendant's Exhibit 9.

5 Tell the jury, did you recover screen shots of other  
6 news articles, ships, piracy incidents that were on the  
7 defendant's phone?

8 A. Yes, I believe there are other searches done on that  
9 phone.

10 Q. All right. And, again, you had talked earlier about  
11 prioritizing things that you had shown to the defendant.

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. These are -- what's reflected in Defendant's Exhibit 9  
14 are shots that you did not show to the defendant?

15 A. We did not show these.

16 Q. All right. But they all accurately represent screen  
17 shots that were taken from the defendant's phone. Is that  
18 true?

19 A. If they came off the disks that I provided to the case  
20 agent, they were.

21 Q. They did?

22 A. Okay. Then they are.

23 Q. All right. And could you just --

24 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Judge, at this point I would move  
25 into evidence Defendant's Exhibit 9, please.

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1                   THE COURT: What is Defendant's Exhibit 9?

2 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

3 Q. All right. Sir, could you describe to the Court what  
4 Defense Exhibit 9 is, please?

5 A. The first page has three pictures of messages received.  
6 I'll read them in order.

7                   "Received SIM 1" --

8                   THE COURT: Don't read anything yet.

9                   THE WITNESS: Okay.

10                  THE COURT: Just what are they?

11                  THE WITNESS: They're the same type of screen shots  
12 of the pictures of his phone that messages were received.

13                  THE COURT: And, again, they're screen shots of  
14 Mr. Shabin's phone, correct?

15                  THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16                  THE COURT: All right. Defense Exhibit 9 is  
17 received in evidence.

18                  (The exhibit was admitted into evidence.)

19                  MR. BROCCOLETTI: Thank you, sir. And if I could  
20 retrieve that from the witness and just be able to publish it  
21 to the jury. I'll put it up here on the Elmo.

22 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

23 Q. All right. Showing you the first page of what's  
24 reflected in Defendant's Exhibit 9, again, this appears to be  
25 a 111 search.

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 A. Yes, sir, it does.

2 Q. And it's talking about Israel shutting down four of its  
3 embassies because of some terror attacks.

4 A. Actually, the first one is something about  
5 perezhilton.com. The second one has Israelis, yes, sir.

6 Q. And what is the date and time of the first one?

7 A. February 19, 2011, 3:37 p.m.

8 Q. All right.

9 THE COURT: This is Exhibit 9?

10 MR. BROCCOLETTI: It is, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Now --

12 MR. BROCCOLETTI: It is the first page of Exhibit 9.

13 THE COURT: -- it has three phone calls on it?

14 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

15 Q. Sir, could you describe this on Exhibit 9, please?

16 A. It is pictures of three screen shots from his phone.

17 The first one is information received on SIM 1.

18 The second is also information received. Can you  
19 slide it up so I can see --

20 THE COURT: All I'm trying to do is identify these  
21 things, Mr. Broccoletti, because there are three different  
22 things here.

23 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, sir.

24 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

25 Q. And the three --

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1                   THE COURT: You're saying the first one is this, but  
2 I assume there's nothing to say 1, 2, 3, or whatever on here.

3                   MR. BROCCOLETTI: There are just three sequential  
4 shots of the phone.

5 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

6 Q. Is that correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And, if I may --

9                   THE COURT: It's only one phone call. Is that  
10 correct?

11                  THE WITNESS: It would have been -- if you received  
12 a message during a 111 search that didn't fit on one screen,  
13 you would then scroll through the three screens that showed  
14 the whole message.

15                  So the first picture was the first screen, you  
16 scrolled to the next one, another photograph, and then  
17 finally the last one in that --

18                  THE COURT: All right. Does any of this show from  
19 whence the phone message comes?

20                  THE WITNESS: It came from the 111 search, which is  
21 the generic --

22                  THE COURT: I understand it came from the 111  
23 search. I'm asking would it tell you who sent it?

24                  THE WITNESS: It doesn't, because -- I'm not sure in  
25 Somalia how the 111 search is routed. It would take the

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1 phone operator to put a phrase in and then send it to 111,  
2 and then it comes back with the information it finds.

3 THE COURT: How does the message get on 111?

4 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure. It's a technical  
5 question; that from what I know when it goes out to the  
6 service provider they have some link with the Internet; that  
7 then they would take that search, put it into the Internet,  
8 get that message, and send it back out to the phone that sent  
9 it.

10 So it's kind of like a Google for a phone, if people  
11 know what Google is. You're just Googling a search engine,  
12 and they're coming back with information.

13 THE COURT: How do you Google...

14 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

15 THE COURT: All right. Let's take a little break.  
16 I want to make sure I understand what's going on.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: We'll take a five-minute break, ladies  
19 and gentlemen.

20 Everyone please rise while the jury retires.

21 (The jury withdrew from the courtroom.)

22 THE COURT: All right. We'll take a five-minute  
23 break.

24 (A recess was taken.)

25 THE COURT: You're reminded you're still under oath,

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 sir.

2 I'm sorry to have interrupted you, Mr. Broccoletti.  
3 I just wanted to understand what we were doing. I understand  
4 that.

5 All right. Bring in the jury. Please remain  
6 standing.

7 MR. BROCCOLETTI: You can interrupt me anytime,  
8 Judge.

9 THE COURT: I beg your pardon?

10 MR. BROCCOLETTI: That's fine.

11 (The jury entered the courtroom.)

12 THE COURT: You may be seated. Let the record  
13 reflect the entire jury has returned.

14 Forgive me for doing this, ladies and gentlemen. I  
15 just want to understand a little bit about the Internet or  
16 the -- whatever this is, this 111 situation. Now I think  
17 I've got some grasp of it.

18 Go ahead.

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

21 Q. Sir, if you would, turn to the fourth page of the  
22 exhibit. Can you read this to the jury, please?

23 A. "Hijacked British-owned ship by Somali pirates."

24 Q. And the date and time of that?

25 A. February 17th, 2011, 3:44 p.m.

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1 Q. And does that predate the seizure of the Quest?

2 A. Yes, it does.

3 Q. The Quest occurred on the 18th?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. All right. The sixth page of the exhibit, could you read  
6 that to the jury, please?

7 A. "Hijacked Panamanian ship by Somali pirates," February  
8 16, 2011, 3:29 p.m.

9 Q. And, obviously, again predating the seizure of the Quest.

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Would it be fair to say that you found a number of these  
12 type of searches within the defendant's phone?

13 A. Yes, sir, we did.

14 Q. All predating the Quest -- the seizure of the Quest?

15 A. Some of them, yes, sir.

16 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Madam Clerk, Defendant's 9 has  
17 been admitted, correct?

18 THE CLERK: Defendant's 9?

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Yes, ma'am.

20 THE CLERK: Yes, it has been admitted.

21 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Do you have it?

22 THE CLERK: It was admitted, yes, sir.

23 MR. BROCCOLETTI: All right.

24 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

25 Q. With respect to the luggage that you recovered from the

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1 defendant, as I understand it, that luggage was not with him  
2 at the Host Security Force compound.

3 A. No, it was not.

4 Q. All right. That luggage was located where?

5 A. He gave us directions to his nephew's house, and then we  
6 went out in town and got it and brought it back to him.

7 Q. And did you even know that he had luggage?

8 A. Yes, sir, we did. I mean, we figured he was traveling,  
9 so we knew that he probably had some luggage, since it wasn't  
10 on him.

11 Q. All right. Did you ask him specifically about the  
12 luggage, or had he volunteered that, if you recall?

13 A. I'm not sure if he volunteered it or we asked him. I  
14 believe we asked him at that point and asked him where it  
15 was, and then he volunteered it was at his cousin's or his  
16 nephew's.

17 Q. And once you recovered the luggage you went through the  
18 different bank statements and things with him?

19 A. Not with him. We brought him -- showed him the luggage,  
20 asked him to ID that it was his, he in fact said it was, and  
21 then we opened it and searched it.

22 Q. Did you ever inquire of him as to the specific bank  
23 deposits or withdrawals that you found or were reflected in  
24 the luggage?

25 A. We did not have time, sir.

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1 Q. With respect to the money that he had on him, the  
2 approximate \$1,600 or so --

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. -- you are familiar with the fact that prior to the time  
5 that the German authorities delivered the money -- or the  
6 German shipping company delivered the money for the ransom  
7 for the Marida Marguerite -- that they had recorded the  
8 serial numbers of that money?

9 A. Yes, sir, I am.

10 Q. And you matched up the serial numbers of that money to  
11 determine if any of the money that the defendant had on his  
12 person was part of that?

13 A. I did not. I did not feel it was necessary at that  
14 point, since there was deposits and withdrawals, so if you  
15 deposit one set of money you don't necessarily get it back  
16 out. But I would assume that the case agent at a later time  
17 had searched. I didn't have the resources in Somalia.

18 Q. All right. It's never been brought to your attention,  
19 however, that any of that money was reflected as marked  
20 money?

21 A. No, it has not.

22 Q. Also during the course of -- did you ever recover the  
23 cell phone? Let me ask you that.

24 A. No, sir, we did not.

25 Q. So it wasn't in the luggage?

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1 A. No, it was not.

2 Q. And not on his person?

3 A. It was not. He told us it was lost in a taxi, so --

4 Q. I understand, but I'm just wondering. You never found it  
5 anyplace?

6 A. No, we did not.

7 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Could we bring up 2-8 E, please.

8 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

9 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

10 Q. All right. Sir, looking at Exhibit 2-8 E, can you tell  
11 the jury what this is, please?

12 A. It's a visa application, but I would need to zoom in to  
13 actually read specifics.

14 Q. That's what I'm trying to do right now for you.

15 Can you describe that -- this is what you found in  
16 the defendant's luggage?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And can you tell us what it is?

19 A. A visa application. Name, Mohamed Salah Ali. And it  
20 gives a P.O. Box in Lusaka, which is Zambia.

21 Q. And the defendant had told you that he went to Zambia to  
22 visit his sister.

23 A. Yes, sir, he did.

24 Q. And up in the left-hand corner there seems to be an  
25 immigration stamp. Can you tell us what that is?

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1 A. It's an immigration -- I can't read it, but it's the date  
2 of 24 February 2011.

3 Q. And at the bottom can you tell us what that is?

4 A. I can't read all of it. I can read "Lusaka" and  
5 "visiting family members."

6 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Can we go to the next page,  
7 please?

8 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

9 Q. And, again, showing you -- this is the second page of  
10 that exhibit?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. All right. And --

13 MR. BROCCOLETTI: No, I don't want to do that.

14 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

15 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

16 Q. Does it show the date the application was made?

17 A. February, 2011. I can't tell if that's an 18 or a 15.  
18 Can you zoom in, or if I could actually see the document.

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Mr. Pierce, if you would be kind  
20 enough.

21 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

22 THE WITNESS: 18 February 2011.

23 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

24 Q. And do you recognize the signature as being that of the  
25 defendant?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. All right. Thank you.

3 In fact, you recovered plane tickets from the  
4 defendant's luggage?

5 A. Yes, sir, we did.

6 Q. And what did the plane record or tickets reflect?

7 A. His travels to Zambia. I would have to see them to see  
8 the exact dates and times.

9 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Could we pull up 2-8 C, please.

10 THE COURT: Is it in evidence?

11 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.

12 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

13 Q. All right. Can you read this, or do you need me to blow  
14 it up for you?

15 A. If you could blow it up some.

16 Q. Sure.

17 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

18 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

19 Q. All right. Does it reflect the date of the booking?

20 A. It does. It's 28 February 2011.

21 Q. And does it reflect his name?

22 A. Yes, it does.

23 THE COURT: It had the date of booking up there.

24 MR. BROCCOLETTI: It did.

25 THE COURT: What was that?

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1 THE WITNESS: 28 February 2011.

2 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

3 Q. And does it reflect the travel?

4 A. It does. It shows origin in Galkayo, on Wednesday,  
5 2 March 2011, 7:20, arrival Wednesday, 2 March 2011, 8:50,  
6 and then check-in form, and then it gives a flight number,  
7 and then it has the Djibouti 2011, 2 March, Wednesday, then  
8 again, arrival Wednesday, 2 March 2011, 10:00 a.m., and then  
9 check-in form Wednesday, 2 March 2011, 6:30, and then a  
10 flight number.

11 Q. And do you recall whether there was a flight from  
12 Djibouti that went further on to Zambia?

13 A. His flight or --

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. Yes.

16 THE COURT: Is this Zambia?

17 MR. BROCCOLETTI: This is Djibouti. No, sir.

18 THE COURT: This isn't Zambia?

19 MR. BROCCOLETTI: No, sir. This is on the way to.

20 THE COURT: This is a different flight entirely.

21 MR. BROCCOLETTI: No, sir, it's the origin of the  
22 flights. You have to like hop and skip and jump.

23 THE WITNESS: I believe from Djibouti it was to  
24 Addis Ababa and then to Zambia.

25 BY MR. BROCCOLETTI:

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1 Q. And you saw those records?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And you recovered them?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And, likewise, was there a return flight from Zambia?

6 A. There was.

7 Q. And do you remember that, when that was?

8 A. I believe starting March 27th, and it was almost in  
9 reverse order. Like I said, he flew out of Lusaka into Addis  
10 Ababa, he missed his connector, stayed overnight, flew on to  
11 Djibouti, he was there three days in the Dar Es Salam Hotel,  
12 and then got a -- basically paid a car to drive him, a Land  
13 Cruiser that broke down, stayed overnight in a village, got  
14 to Hargeisa and was there three days before arriving in  
15 Bossasso on 4 April.

16 Q. And the defendant told you that, and you saw records in  
17 his luggage which would --

18 A. That would indicate -- yes, that was consistent with  
19 that.

20 Q. Now, with respect to the statements that you had taken  
21 from the defendant, were any of these statements audio taped?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Were any of these statements videotaped?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Were any of the statements given to him to sign and to

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1 review?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. The statements are summarized on forms that you have  
4 provided.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Did you take notes?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And what happened to the notes that you took which  
9 ultimately resulted in this summary?

10 A. They're in 1-A envelopes, where we put our original  
11 notes.

12 Q. Okay. So they're available?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Now, when you first met the defendant you said that you  
15 didn't tell him really why you were there.

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. What did you tell him?

18 A. We told him we were agents from the U.S. Government and  
19 we wanted to talk to him about his recent travels, was the  
20 first conversation.

21 Q. Did he ask you why he was being held in custody by Host  
22 Security -- Host Nation Forces?

23 A. I don't remember the exact question -- him asking that.

24 Q. Now, prior to this, sometime in -- I think it was the  
25 22nd of February -- did Host Nation Forces take his cell

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1 phone?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And they kept it or you kept it for a couple of days?

4 The U.S. Government kept it for a couple of days?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And that's when the screen shots were taken?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And then the phone was given back to him.

9 A. Yes, sir, it was.

10 Q. So, presumably, he was aware of that prior to the time  
11 that you spoke to him.

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Did he ever ask you, "What type of agency are you from"  
14 or "What are you investigating?"

15 A. He did not.

16 Q. How long was that first conversation for?

17 A. With the physical and all that it was probably an hour  
18 and a half to -- with the admin time of having him checked  
19 out and having talked with him I would say about an hour and  
20 a half.

21 Q. Did he ask you why you were performing a physical on him?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you tell him?

24 A. Not specifically.

25 Q. How about indirectly?

—R. D'Amico - Cross—

1 A. We just wanted to make sure he was okay medically, so we  
2 just told him that we're going to have the doc check him out  
3 to make sure -- we asked him if he had any injuries that we  
4 needed to be aware of, and that's when he told us about the  
5 left side.

6 Q. Generally speaking, when an FBI agent speaks to you you  
7 display your credentials.

8 A. Yes, sir, we do.

9 Q. Did you do that in this case?

10 A. No.

11 Q. So he did not know you were from the FBI?

12 A. He did not.

13 Q. The second interview that took place -- did you identify  
14 yourself at that point?

15 A. No, sir, I did not, not -- I did not show him  
16 credentials, just, again, "agents of the government."

17 Q. You were present, Agent Coughlin was present?

18 A. No, sir, it was myself and Agent Maliszewski.

19 Q. Just the two of you?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And did he ask you why you came back the second day?

22 A. No, he did not.

23 Q. Did you tell him why you came back the second day?

24 A. We told him that we wanted to look at his luggage.

25 Q. And that's when he consented to the search of his

1 luggage.

2 A. Yes, sir, he did.

3 MR. BROCCOLETTI: All right. Thank you very much,  
4 Your Honor -- give me one second, Judge.

5 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

6 MR. BROCCOLETTI: Thank you, sir.

7 MR. HATCH: No further questions, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Thank you very much.

9                   Can we excuse this witness, or are you going to keep  
10                him?

11 MR. HATCH: He may be excused, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Do you need him any further, Mr. --

13 MR. BROCCOLETTI: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: You can step outside. Thank you very  
15 much, Mr. D'Amico.

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of an excerpt from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

s/s

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